

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/500,170 Examiner	IWANEK, WALDEMAR Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 12/20/2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5 and 6, in combination with the amendment to the claims filed 12/20/2005, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. *Trebesch et al (US 6,968,111 B2)* teach a splicing cassette management system as best shown in figures 1 and 6-15. The system includes at least two splicing cassettes (118) rotatably mounted on a splicing cassette holder (140). The holder with the cassettes is mounted on a linearly movable mounting drawer (36) which allows the cassettes and the holder to move in a first plane. The cassettes can be pivoted relative to the drawer to a second plane which is approximately 90 degrees from the first plane as can be seen in the figures. The drawer moves on guide rails inside of a housing as seen in figure 1.

3. However, Trebesch et al does not disclose nor render obvious that the splicing cassette holder is pivotably mounted on the linearly movable mounting device and that the splicing cassette holder can be pivoted relative to the mounting device from the first plane to the second plane.

4. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

6. Claims 1-6 are allowable over the prior art of record because the latter, either alone or in combination, does not disclose nor render obvious a splicing cassette management system with a splicing cassette holder that is pivotably mounted on a linearly movable mounting device and wherein the holder can be pivoted, together with splicing cassettes, from a first plane to a second plane relative to the linearly movable mounting device in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derek L. Dupuis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G. Font can be reached on (571) 272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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